

[Translation]

**Railway Projects in Gujarat-**

3119. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway Projects taken up in Gujarat during the Seventh Five Year Plan together with their costs and date of completion of each project;

(b) the particulars of projects yet to be completed and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time by which the pending projects are likely to be completed and allocations made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Major Railway project taken up during the VII Five Year Plan is new line between Godhra-Dahod-Indore and Dewas-Maksi (total length 316 kms and 82 kms in Gujarat) at a cost of Rs.297 crores. Work is in hand. Completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

(b) and (c). Particulars of major on-going Railway projects in Gujarat are as under:-

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of the work</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Approved latest cost</i>	<i>Expenditure incurred up to March ,1991</i>
1.	Kapadvanj-Modasa (New Line)	60 Km	Rs. 36 crores	Rs. 6.35 crores
2.	Godhra-Dahod-Indore (New Line)	316 Km (82 Km in Gujarat)	Rs.297 crores	Rs.4.10 crores
3.	Viramgam-Bhildi (New Line and Gauge conversion)	130 Km	Rs.155.66 crores	Sanction only recently
4.	Nadiad-Kapadvanj (Gauge conversion)	45 Km	Rs. 18.80 crores	Rs. 5.50 crores

There is no delay. Progress is regulated based on allocation of resources from year to year.

launch health and family welfare programmes with foreign assistance in Gujarat; and

**Health and Family Welfare Programme in Gujarat**

3120. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The informa-

tion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

**Performance of Indira Gandhi National Open University in Rural Areas**

3121. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the role played by the Indira Gandhi National Open University in promoting education in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to extend the Indira Gandhi National Open University in rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). One of the objects of the

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is that the University shall endeavour to provide access to higher education for large segments of the population, and in particular, the disadvantaged groups such as those living in remote and rural areas. According to information furnished by IGNOU 23% of the students enrolled in the University during 1990-91 are from rural areas. The initial academic programmes launched by IGNOU included a Certificate in Rural Development for in-service training of Block Development Officers (BDOs) in a few States. The University has announced the launching of a Diploma in Rural Development from January, 1992. During the VIII Plan IGNOU proposes to introduce several new programmes related to the development of rural areas.

IGNOU has established a network of 16 Regional and 170 Study Centres throughout the country to provide support services to its students. A list of Study Centres established by the University in different States and Union Territories is given in the attached Statement.

**STATEMENT**

*State-wise Location of Study Centres*

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>Name of the Study Centre</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Hyderabad (Begumpet)
		2. Tirupati
		3. Vijayawada
		4. Guntur
		5. Warangal
		6. Anantapur
		7. Hyderabad (Somaji Guda)
		8. Adoni